

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 3, 2003

FROM: CATHY CIMBALO, Director
Department of Children's Services

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS TO PROVIDE
THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the following 12 contracts to provide Therapeutic Treatment Services on a fee-for services basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$900,000 extending the contract expiration date from June 4, 2003 to June 4, 2004 and to update standard contract language.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Amount Not to Exceed</u>
Anchor Psychological and Parenting	02-462 A-1	\$75,000
Miriam H. Bellomy, MFT	02-463 A-1	\$75,000
Joy H. Dunlap, MFT	02-464 A-1	\$75,000
Eric F. Evenhuis, MFT	02-465 A-1	\$75,000
Family Service Agency	02-466 A-1	\$75,000
Patricia Coley Foerch, LCSW	02-467 A-1	\$75,000
Sharon D. Heaston, MFT	02-468 A-1	\$75,000
Tamara A. Ilich, MFT	02-469 A-1	\$75,000
Laurel Counseling Center	02-470 A-1	\$75,000
Oasis Counseling Centers	02-472 A-1	\$75,000
David Reed, MFT	02-474 A-1	\$75,000
Brenda Warren, LCSW	02-475 A-1	\$75,000

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Each year the Department of Children's Services (DCS) investigates allegations of abuse and neglect of more than 50,000 children within the County. Approximately 5% of these children become dependents of the Juvenile Court, while another 5% receive services from DCS designed to prevent abuse or neglect and avoid out-of-home placement. In addition to services provided directly by DCS staff, many of these clients are referred to community resources for professional services. One of the beneficial services provided to these children is therapeutic treatment. Therapeutic treatment services include but is not limited to counseling for the child, parent and/or family and psychological evaluations for court ordered assessments and/or treatment.

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Therapeutic treatment services, along with the services provided by DCS staff, are a part of every child and family's individual reunification case plan(s). Whenever possible, these professional services are paid for by the client and/or available insurance. However, when neither personal nor insurance funds are available, these services are paid for by DCS through the Child Welfare Services allocation from the State of California.

On June 4, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved contracts (Item No 49) with the twelve vendors listed herein to allow these providers to be placed on a qualified vendor list of over 75 vendors to be used by DCS staff when referring clients for these services. Therapeutic Treatment Services are provided to approximately 5,000 children per year. It should be noted that while the individual contracts were written not to exceed \$75,000 each, DCS does not anticipate spending more than \$525,000 annually for the overall services. These contracts are written in this manner to establish a Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved list of qualified vendors to allow social workers the flexibility of selecting the vendor that best meets their client's needs. A minimum amount is not required to be spent on any of these contracts.

Approval of this item will extend the contract term from June 5, 2003 until June 4, 2004

REVIEW BY OTHERS: These amendments have been reviewed by County Counsel on May 20, 2003 (Ruth Stringer, Deputy County Counsel) and the HSS Contract Administration on May 20, 2003 (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor). This item has been reviewed by HSS Finance on May 21, 2003 (Kristin Letterman, Administrative Manager) and the County Administrative Office on May 27, 2003 (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The contracts awarded for Therapeutic Treatment Services are funded by a combination of Federal and State (85%) and County (15%) funds. Therefore the County's anticipated local share would not exceed \$78,750 annually. This figure is based on anticipated actual program costs of \$525,000 per contract year. Adequate appropriations and revenues are included in the Department's FY 03/04 budget, and will be included in the FY 04/05 budget.

Cost Reduction Review: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action based on the facts that there are no contracted minimums and the primary funding is federal and state revenue sources which are not in jeopardy.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Cathy Cimbalo, Director, Department of Children's Services, (909) 388-0242

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